

Docket No.: 050395-0387

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Masaaki HIRANO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 8071
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Application No.: 10/590,278	:	Group Art Unit: 1791
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Filed: August 22, 2006	:	Examiner: John Hoffmann
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER MATRIX	:	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 1, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.